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# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Municipal Officers



OF THE

TOWN OF

# CHATHAM

NEW HAMPSHIRE



For the Fiscal Year Ending January 31st

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*ANNUAL REPORT***DIRECTORY****Selectmen**

RICHARD F. CHANDLER      PERLEY R. HEAD  
JOHN L. CHANDLER

**Treasurer**

WELLINGTON P. CHANDLER

**Town Clerk**

OLIN R. HANSCOM

**Tax Collector**

MADISON O. CHARLES

**Highway Surveyor**

PRESTON CHANDLER

**Supervisors of Check List**

WILLIS C. BRYANT      CHARLES S. CHANDLER  
HARRY BEMIS

**Constable**

PRESTON CHANDLER

**Auditors**

OLIN R. HANSCOM      PRESTON CHANDLER

## THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Chatham in the County of Carroll in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Chatham on Tuesday, the eighth day of March next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriation of the same.
3. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for highways and bridges, and breaking snow for the ensuing year and make appropriations for the same.
4. To see if the Town will vote to accept State Aid as provided for in Section 4, Chapter 35, Laws of 1895.
5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate money for State Aid construction.
6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate money for State Aid maintenance.
7. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Joseph Binford road.
8. To transact any business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, seventeenth day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and twenty-one.

RICHARD F. CHANDLER,  
PERLEY R. HEAD,  
JOHN L. CHANDLER,  
Selectmen of Chatham.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

RICHARD F. CHANDLER,  
PERLEY R. HEAD,  
JOHN L. CHANDLER,  
Selectmen of Chatham.

## ANNUAL REPORT

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Real estate, resident,	\$ 65,635.00
Real estate, non-resident,	110,800.00
Horses, 87,	10,890.00
Oxen, 6,	700.00
Cows, 163,	10,200.00
Neat stock, 61,	3,510.00
Sheep, 19,	205.00
Hogs, 6,	220.00
Fowls, 222,	490.00
Portable mills, 1,	2,150.00
Wood and lumber not in trade,	3,750.00
Money on hand and at interest,	1,240.00
Stock in trade,	30,000.00

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Total, \$239,790.00

Tax rate, .024 per \$1.00	
Resident assessment less polls,	\$2,213.76
Non-resident assessment,	3,541.20
Polls, 3, at \$3.00 per poll,	
Polls, 69, at \$5.00 per poll,	354.00

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Total, \$6,108.96

## APPROPRIATIONS

State tax,	\$ 680.00
Paid State for 67 polls at \$2,	134.00
County tax,	477.27
Expense of Town, inc. highways and bridges,	2,000.00
School appropriations,	2,570.00
Overlay,	247.69

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\$6,108.96

## SALARIES TOWN OFFICERS

M. O. Charles, collecting tax, 1919,	\$44.30
Olin R. Hanscom, Town Clerk,	17.00



Olin R. Hanscom, permits for registration of automobiles,	4.75
M. O. Charles, part payment for collecting, 1920,	60.00
W. C. Bryant, Supervisor Check List,	15.00
C. S. Chandler, Supervisor Check List,	10.00
Harry Bemis, Supervisor Check List,	10.00
Richard F. Chandler, Selectman,	40.00
John L. Chandler, Selectman,	28.00
Perley R. Head, Selectman,	20.00
M. O. Charles, Moderator,	4.00
Wellington P. Chandler, Treasurer,	20.00
Richard F. Chandler, printing town reports,	30.68
Edson C. Eastman,	6.38
Edson C. Eastman, check list,	3.64
Richard F. Chandler, rec. and payment book,	7.50
George H. Guptill, care of Town Hall,	3.00
Seth Hanscom, public watering trough,	3.00
W. C. Bryant, housing cannon,	5.00

**ABATEMENT OF TAXES, 1920**

M. O. Charles,	\$14.80	
M. O. Charles,	5.00	
	<hr/>	\$19.80

**ORDERS STATE AID MAINTENANCE**

Preston Chandler,	\$570.34
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**ORDERS TOWN MAINTENANCE**

Preston Chandler, Road Agent,	\$751.02
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**ORDERS DRAWN FOR SCHOOL**

John L. Chandler, School Treasurer,	\$2,617.61
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Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD F. CHANDLER,

PERLEY R. HEAD,

JOHN L. CHANDLER,

Selectmen of Chatham.

We hereby certify that we have looked over the books of the Selectmen and Treasurer, and find them correct according to our knowledge and belief.

PRESTON CHANDLER,

OLIN R. HANSCOM,

Auditors.

## ANNUAL REPORT

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TOWN OF  
CHATHAM

For the Fiscal Year Ending Jan. 31, 1921

## Certificate:

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.  
Feb. 10, 1921.

RICHARD F. CHANDLER,  
PERLEY R. HEAD,  
JOHN L. CHANDLER,  
Selectmen.

WELLINGTON P. CHANDLER,  
Treasurer.

## ASSETS

Cash,	\$1,137.63
Due from State: bounty on wild animals,	11.20
Joint Highway Acc'ts. unexpended balances in the State treasury,	812.46
Taxes not collected: (a) Levy of 1920,	321.29
Total Assets,	<hr/> \$2,282.58

## LIABILITIES

Orders outstanding,	\$ 13.34
State and Town Joint Highway Acc'ts:	
(a) Unexpended balances in State treasury,	\$812.46
(b) Unexpended balances in Town treasury,	723.39
Total Liabilities,	<hr/> \$1,549.19
Excess of Assets over Liabilities (Surplus),	733.39
Total,	<hr/> \$2,282.58

## RECEIPTS

## From Local Taxes:

Property taxes committed to collector, 1920,	\$5,754.96
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Less discounts & abatements, 1920,	5,735.16
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Less uncollected, 1920,	5,413.87
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1. Property taxes, current year, actually collected,	\$5,413.87
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2. Poll taxes, current year, actually collected, at \$3,	9.00
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3. Poll taxes, current year, actually collected, at \$5,	345.00
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4. Property and poll taxes, previous years, actually collected,	282.92
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Total of above collections,	6,050.79
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## From State:

For State Aid maintenance,	\$294.92
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Savings bank tax,	5.81
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Bounties,	68.60
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## From Local Sources Except Taxes:

Dog licenses,	14.40
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Interest received on deposits,	18.26
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Permits for the registration of motor vehicles,	122.39
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Rec'd from National Forest Reserve,	120.95
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645.33
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Total Receipts from all sources,	\$6,696.12
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Cash on hand February 1, 1920,	478.70
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Grand Total,	\$7,174.82
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## PAYMENTS

## Current Maintenance Expenses

General Government:		
Town officers' salaries,	\$273.05	
Town officers' expenses,	84.20	
Expenses town hall and other town buildings,	3.00	
Protection of Persons and Property:		
Bounties,	11.20	
Highways and Bridges:		
State Aid maintenance,	570.34	
Town maintenance,	751.02	
General expenses of highway department, including watering troughs,	3.00	
Unclassified:	5.00	
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Total Current Maintenance Expenses,	\$1,700.81	
Indebtedness:		
Outstanding orders paid during year,	\$427.50	
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		427.50
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:		
Taxes paid to State,	\$ 814.00	
Taxes paid to County,	477.27	
Payments to School Districts,	2,617.61	
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Total payments to other Governmental divisions,	3,908.88	
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Total payments for all purposes,	\$6,037.19	
Cash on hand January 31, 1921,	1,137.63	
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Grand Total,	\$7,174.82	

## SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall, land and buildings,	\$1,600.00
Furniture and equipment,	100.00
Highway Department, Lands and Buildings:	
Equipment,	150.00
Three snow rollers,	300.00
Total,	<hr/> \$2,150.00

# ORDERS FOR STATE MAINTENANCE FOR THE YEAR 1920

Preston Chandler, 111 hrs. at .44 4/9,	\$49.33
Preston Chandler, horses, 107 hrs. at .38 8/9,	41.61
Morrill P. Jewell, 193/4 hrs. at 38 8/9,	7.66
Morrill P. Jewell, horses, 6 hrs. at .38 8/9,	2.33
George Guptill, 7 hrs. at .38 8/9,	2.72
George Guptill, horses, 7 hrs. at .38 8/9,	2.72
Forrest Merrill, 42 hrs. at .38 8/9,	16.33
Town of Stow, 44 loads of gravel at .10 per load,	4.40
Perley Head, 41 hrs.,	15.94
Perley Head, horses, 41 hrs.,	15.94
Alvin Head, 32 hrs.,	12.44
Seth Webb, 14 hrs.,	5.44
Lucien Stiles, 18 hrs.,	7.00
Preston Chandler, 153 hrs.,	67.99
Preston Chandler, horses, 79 hrs.,	30.62
Morrill P. Jewell, 100 hrs.,	38.88
Morrill P. Jewell, horses, 81 hrs.,	31.50
Harold Eastman, 37 hrs.,	14.38
Harold Eastman, horses, 37 hrs.,	14.38
Dana A. Weeks, 14 hrs.,	5.44
Dana A. Weeks, horses, 14 hrs.,	5.44
Lucien K. Stiles, 43 hrs.,	16.75
Edwin S. Lang, 35 hrs.,	13.60
Ernest Andrews, 18 hrs.,	7.00
Dexter Charles, 18 hrs.,	7.00
Ira Jewell, 36 hrs.,	14.00
Hazen Chandler, 4 1/2 hrs.,	1.75
Hazen Chandler, horses, 4 1/2 hrs.,	1.75
Seth Webb, 32 hrs.,	12.44
Seth Webb, horses, 9 hrs.,	3.50
Alvin Head, 23 hrs.,	8.94
Perley Head, 23 hrs.,	8.94
Perley Head, horses, 45 hrs.,	15.50
Leon Hill, 23 hrs.,	8.94
Leon Hill, horses, 23 hrs.,	8.94

Richard Chandler, 27 hrs.,	10.50
Richard Chandler, horses, 27 hrs.,	10.50
Will A. Stone, 27 hrs.,	10.50
George Guptill, 23 hrs.,	8.94
George Guptill, horses, 13½ hrs.,	5.25
Everett Eastman, 4 hrs.,	1.55
Everett Eastman, horses, 4 hrs.,	1.55

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Total,	\$570.34
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PRESTON CHANDLER,

Road Agent.

**BREAKING ROADS AFTER JANUARY 30, 1920**

Albert Wiley, hauling roller,	\$21.00
Preston Chandler, breaking, and housing rollers,	34.50
Olin R. Hanscom, breaking,	27.00
Wellington P. Chandler, breaking,	12.00
Richard T. Chandler, breaking,	30.00
Will A. Stone, breaking,	28.00
Morrill P. Jewell, breaking and shoveling,	14.50
Charles S. Chandler, horses, 1 trip,	4.00
John L. Chandler, shoveling snow,	7.50
Millard Chandler, shoveling snow,	3.00
Dean Charles, shoveling snow,	3.00
Merton Charles, shoveling snow,	3.00
Dexter Charles, shoveling snow,	.66
Willis C. Bryant, breaking Elmer Eastman road,	1.00
Perley R. Head, breaking, and housing roller,	56.00
Dana A. Weeks, breaking,	26.00
John A. Stiles, breaking,	3.00

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Total,	\$274.16
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PRESTON CHANDLER,

Road Agent.



# MAINTENANCE OF TOWN ROADS FOR THE YEAR 1920

Preston Chandler, 113 hrs.,	\$50.22
Preston Chandler, horses,	7.38
Preston Chandler, cash paid out for town, 19 hrs.,	2.30
Richard Chandler, 57 hrs.,	22.16
Richard Chandler, horses, 52 hrs.,	20.21
George Guptill, 11 hrs.,	4.27
George Guptill, horses, 2 hrs.,	.78
Morrill P. Jewell, 38 hrs.,	14.77
Morrill P. Jewell, horses, 35 hrs.,	13.61
Herbert Andrews, 9 hrs.,	3.50
Lucien K. Stiles, 9 hrs.,	3.50
Seth Webb, 13 hrs.,	5.05
Edwin S. Lang, 13 hrs.,	5.05
Alvin Head, 13 hrs.,	5.05
Perley Head, 13 hrs.,	5.05
Perley Head, horses, 26 hrs.,	10.11
Leon Hill, 13 hrs.,	5.05
Leon Hill, horses, 13 hrs.,	5.05
Ira Jewell, 9 hrs.,	3.50
Everett Eastman, 9 hrs.,	3.50
Everett Eastman, horses, 9 hrs.,	3.50
Edwin Johnson, 14 hrs.,	5.44
John A. Stiles, 5 hrs.,	1.94
John A. Stiles, horses, 5 hrs.,	1.94
M. J. Smith, bridge stringer,	2.00
Robert K. Eastman, bridge stringer,	4.00
Robert K. Eastman, split stone for bridge,	17.60
Preston Chandler, 43 hrs. at .44 4/9,	19.11
Preston Chandler, horses, 9 hrs. at .38 8/9,	3.50
Publisher Paper Co., 4 in. foot bridge plank, \$40 per M,	160.00

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Whole amount expended for Summer, \$109.14

## BREAKING ROADS IN 1921 TO FEB. 1

Preston Chandler, 1 trip and oiling two rollers, and 2 gallons oil,	12.00
Hazen Chandler, 1 trip on roller,	6.00
Olin R. Hanscom, 1 trip on roller,	6.00
W. A. Stone, 1 trip on roller,	6.00
Merton A. Young, 1 trip on roller,	6.00
Wellington P. Chandler, 1 trip on roller,	6.00
Perley R. Head, 1 trip on roller with 4 horses, and shoveling,	15.00
Dana A. Weeks, 1 trip on roller,	6.00
Edwin S. Lang, housing road machine,	2.00
Frank E. Carlton, labor on road, 7 hrs.,	2.72

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Whole amount expended to Feb. 1, 1921, for breaking,	\$67.72
Whole amount for Summer,	409.14

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Total for Summer and Winter,	\$476.86
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PRESTON CHANDLER,

Road Agent.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Dr.

Assessment for 1920,	\$6,108.96
Cash in treasury,	478.70
Due from Collector for 1919,	282.92
Bounties on wild animals from State,	68.60
Automobile tax,	122.29
Dog tax,	14.40
Highway Dep't, State Aid maintenance,	294.92
Savings Bank tax,	5.81
National Forest Reserve Distribution,	120.95
Interest on deposits (U. S. Trust Co.),	18.26

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\$7,515.91

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Paid by order of Selectmen,	\$5,376.99
State tax,	680.00
Due from Collector,	321.29
Cash in treasury,	1,137.63
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	\$7,515.91

Respectfully submitted,

WELLINGTON P. CHANDLER,

Treasurer.

Jan. 31, 1921.



## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Citizens and School Board of Chatham:—

I have the honor of making this, my second, Annual Report of the condition of your schools. I wish to put before you first the financial condition of the District.

At your annual meeting in March, 1919, you voted to raise a sum of money which was intended to cover the \$5.00 tax on \$1,000.00 of the valuation of the Town, to enable you to benefit by the State Aid granted to towns that complied with this part of the law. But you did not raise any money to pay for the spring term of school for that year, or to pay for old bills. The amount of this indebtedness was \$962.72, as nearly as I can determine. The items of this indebtedness are printed as a part of this report. The Financial Statement of the Elementary Schools is also a part of this report. In this Statement you will see that Chatham received \$1,247.30 from the State as the result of voting the \$5.00 on the \$1,000.00. But the \$962.72 was paid out of the \$1,251.70, so the School Board did not have the whole of this money to run the schools for the year 1919-20.

Unless the District takes steps to provide for the sum taken to pay this old bill, it is not entitled to receive State Aid, and the State will be justified in withholding such aid until it is assured that the District will make this good. I have no doubt but that the District will do this, as it no doubt was an oversight, and not an intention to avoid the payment of the debt.

### What the State Is Doing for the District

During the year 1919-20 the entire amount paid the State **for educational purposes**, including that paid for superintendent, was \$313.40. It received from the State \$1,247.30 for its elementary schools. Chatham received \$933.90 more than it paid in to the State, or almost as

much as it cost to repair the North Chatham schoolhouse. It is the intention of the State to continue to help the districts that need help, but on the condition that each district must do its part as far as its valuation shows that it is able.

### Medical Inspection

As required by law, the children have been examined with the following results. Five cases of defective eyes, one of defective hearing, eleven of defective teeth, six cases of adenoids, thirteen of diseased tonsils, three cases of orthopedic defects, four defects of breathing; enlarged glands, one; and one case of skin disease. The parents were notified of these defects and nineteen cases were reported as receiving treatment.

The schoolhouse at North Chatham was remodeled at a cost of about \$1,150.00. This was more than was anticipated, but material and labor was extremely high. A good job was done and you have a schoolhouse that you should be proud of. It has attracted the attention of visitors, and has received a number of valuable and useful presents.

There have been 36 weeks of school during the year, and for the first time, I think, in the history of the District. There are 42 pupils in your schools and they are under excellent teachers.

Improvements should be made in your other houses during the year, but they need not be expensive. But you must plan for some improvements.

It is my earnest purpose to help to improve your schools in order that your boys and girls shall be better fitted for doing their work in the world, and I thank all of you who are in sympathy with this purpose, and have helped in the work.

Respectfully,

L. M. FELCH.

## BILLS PAID IN THE SPRING OF 1919

1919		
Feb.	American Book Co., books,	\$ 2.36
	Harry Bemis, shingles and hardware,	15.50
	Harry Chandler, service on School Board,	8.00
	Morrill Jewell, service on School Board,	8.00
	Pearl Bemis, service on School Board,	15.00
	John Chandler, service as Treasurer,	6.00
12	P. Seavey, hardware,	4.43
	S. Charles, janitor,	3.00
	Pearl Bemis, freight and postage,	1.50
24	Ginn & Co., books,	1.87
26	T. Stiles, hauling wood,	2.00
Mar. 8	T. Stiles, hauling wood,	1.00
	Alice Charles, teaching,	100.00
	Sadie Flint, teaching & transportation,	144.00
	M. Haley, teaching,	88.00
	Lucretia Chandler, teaching,	96.00
Apr. 18	Walter Chandler, wood,	4.00
26	E. Keef, janitor,	3.00
	Amos Chandler, wood,	21.00
June 30	Sadie Flint, teaching & transportation,	126.00
	Lucretia Chandler, teaching,	90.00
	M. Merrill, teaching,	90.00
	J. L. Hammett Co., paper,	5.08
	A. N. Palmer, writing books,	1.37
	Holden Book Cover Co.,	1.07
	Ginn & Co., books,	28.67
	American Book Co., books,	5.87
	Alice Charles, teaching,	90.00
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		\$962.72

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE ELEMENT-  
ARY SCHOOLS FOR THE YEAR  
ENDING AUG., 1919-20

## Receipts

From the State,	\$1,247.30
From the Town, \$5 on \$1,000,	1,251.70
Dog licenses,	18.00
Tuition from the Town of Conway,	108.00
Interest,	8.88
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Total,	\$2,633.88



**Payments**

Teachers' salaries,	\$1,640.80
Text books,	99.75
Scholars' supplies,	36.16
Flags,	4.86
Other expenses of instruction,	22.97
Janitor service,	25.00
Fuel,	119.00
Minor repairs,	6.00
Medical inspection,	12.00
Transportation,	340.00
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Total,	2,306.54
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Balance September 1, 1920,	\$327.34

**OTHER DISBURSEMENTS****Receipts**

Balance, 1919, September 1,	xxx
High school tuition, raised by Town,	}
Salaries District Officers, raised by Town,	
Per capita tax,	125.00
	114.00

**Payments**

Salary District Officers,	\$
Superintendent's excess salary,	25.00
Per capita tax,	114.00
Truant officer and school census,	10.00
High school tuition,	165.00

REPAIRS ON NORTH CHATHAM SCHOOL-  
HOUSE

Harry Bemis, paint,	\$ 42.00
J. L. Gibson, building material,	321.50
C. E. Seavey, shingles,	85.00
Virgil Emerson, labor,	50.00
Frank Harriman, labor,	65.66
Olin Hanscom, labor,	38.50
Ned Bryant, labor,	35.50
M. O. Charles, labor,	34.40
George Gupstill, labor,	13.80
Willis Bryant, labor,	62.79
Virgil Emerson, labor,	126.00
Willis Bryant, labor,	2.13
Hutchins & Webb, merchandise,	35.17
Elmer Brackett, nails,	7.46
Publishing Paper Co., lumber,	126.56
J. L. Gibson, lumber,	20.90
Henry Harvey, labor,	22.00
M. O. Charles, labor,	10.00
Fred Charles, labor,	20.25
Frank Mason, cement,	4.00
W. A. Stone, labor,	22.50
H. L. Hutchins, merchandise,	8.67
Total,	<hr/> \$1,154.79

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

I hereby submit the following report of licensing of dogs for the year beginning May 1, 1920, and ending May 1, 1921:

Whole number of dogs, 11

Tax collected on 8 male dogs, full time, \$16.00

Fee for licensing,	1.60
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Amount paid to W. P. Chandler, Town Treas., \$14.40

I hereby submit the following report of permits issued for registration of automobiles for year 1920:

Whole number of permits issued, 19.

Amount received for 19 permits,	\$122.39
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I have paid the same to Wellington P. Chandler, Town Treasurer.

OLIN R. HANSCOM,  
Town Clerk.

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN CHATHAM FOR  
THE YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31, 1921

May 10, 1920, in Rochester, by Frank Sherman Hartley, Everett Eastman of Chatham and Carrie E. Charles of Chatham.

BIRTH REGISTERED IN CHATHAM FOR THE  
YEAR ENDING JAN. 31, 1921

Feb. 26, 1920, to Harry M. and Fannie E. Chandler, a daughter, stillborn.

Mar. 31, 1920, to Leon T. and Sara E. Hill, a daughter.

July 13, 1920, to Harold O. and Annie Eastman, a daughter, Shirley E.



**DEATHS REGISTERED IN CHATHAM FOR THE  
YEAR ENDING JAN. 31, 1921**

Feb. 27, 1920, Harry M. Chandler, aged 30 yrs. 5 mos.  
11 days.

June 20, 1920, Annette Stevens Chandler, aged 70 yrs. 7  
mos. 5 days.

June 24, 1920, Miranda A. Jewell, aged 84 yrs. 6 mos. 13  
days.

July 18, 1920, Armine Johnson, aged 77 yrs. 9 mos. 11  
days.





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